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SUBJECT: AID TO PAKISTAN

REFERENCE: SECTO 08162

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF JIDDA 5593 WHICH IS
REPEATED TO YOU AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. QUOTE: PARA 1: DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S
BRIEFING OF FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD ON AUG 11, HE CONVEYED TO
SAUD THE CONTENTS OF TOSEC 080212. SAUD INTERRUPTED AFTER
PARA 2 REFTEL AND EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT THERE MIGHT BE
A CUTOFF IN AID WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE PAKISTAN'S
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND WHICH MIGHT UNDERCUT THE EFFORTS
OF THE CURRENT MILITARY LEADERSHIP TO REVITALIZE DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS IN PAKISTAN.

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PARA 2: ATHERTON ASSURED SAUD THAT U.S. AID FUNDS UNDER
ALREADY SIGNED AID AGREEMENT ARE CONTINUING AND THAT WE
WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE CONSORTIUM WHEN SCHEDULED.
ATHERTON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE WORLD BANK HAD ASKED THE
OTHER AID DONORS TO MAKE THEIR PLEDGES AND CONTINUE DIS-
BURSEMENT IN THE INTERIM. ATHERTON NOTED AT THE SAME TIME

THAT, SO LONG AS THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING ISSUE REMAINED UNRESOLVED, WE FACED PROBLEMS SO FAR AS NEW AID COMMITMENTS ARE CONCERNED.

PARA 3: SAUD EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THESE REPLIES AND SAID HE HOPED THAT THE USG WOULD CONVEY THE SAME MESSAGE TO THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT. ATHERTON PROMISED THAT WE WOULD INSTRUCT OUR EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN TO CONVEY TO THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT THE INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD JUST GIVEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD. WEST. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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